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FM AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3303

S E C R E T WELLINGTON 2072

STADIS - EA ONLY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, PINR

SUBJECT: DEFENSE ATTACHE SYSTEM

REF: STATE 124532

1. RESPONSE IS KEYED TO REFTEL SUBPARAGRAPHS:

A. THE MAINTENANCE OF AN ADEQUATELY STAFFED, EFFECTIVE DAO AT WELLINGTON IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO THE REPORTING, REPRESENTATIONAL, AND SECURITY ASSISTANCE FUNCTIONS REQUIRED BY OUR MEMBERSHIP IN THE ANZUS ALLIANCE;

B. IN THE POST'S PARM SUBMISSION PART II (SEE WELLINGTON 1161 - STADIS), THE EMBASSY REPORTED THE DAO'S REQUEST FOR A THIRD SERVICE ATTACHE (ARMY) AND STATED THAT THE EMBASSY AGREED THAT THE ADDITION OF A THIRD ATTACHE WOULD FURTHER ENHANCE THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE DAO TO THE OVERALL MISSION EFFORT. THE EMBASSY COMMENTED, HOWEVER, THAT IT REMAINED FOR THE DAO AND DIA TO PROVIDE FULL JUSTIFICATION FOR AN ARMY ATTACHE POSITION IN TERMS OF THE MISSION OBJECTIVES AS WELL AS DAO RESOURCES AND WORKLOAD. IF SUCH A JUSTIFICATION IS PROVIDED, THE EMBASSY SAID IT WOULD INTERPOSE NO OBJECTION TO ADDING A THIRD ATTACHE AND, INDEED, WOULD SUPPORT THE

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DAO'S EFFORTS. AMBASSADOR SELDEN, WHO IS PRESENTLY ENROUTE TO WASHINGTON, ETA JUNE 6, IS CARRYING A MEMORANDUM FROM THE DAO STATING ITS JUSTIFICATION FOR THE ADDITIONAL POSITION. HE SHOULD BE CONTACTED THROUGH EA/ANP FOR HIS REACTION TO THE DAO SUBMISSION.

C. WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE FOREGOING SUBMISSION, THE

EMBASSY IN MARCH 1977 PROPOSED AND THE DAO CONCURRED IN  
THE RECOMMENDATION THAT AN ARMY ATTACHE BE ASSIGNED TO  
WELLINGTON COINCIDENT WITH ADDITIONAL DUTIES ELSEWHERE  
IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC REGION (SEE PARM, PART II, PARA. 16,  
WELLINGTON 1161 - STADIS).  
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